



Arlington Recycling Committee  
Minutes of 3/3/16

**PRESENT**

Members: Co-Chair Juli Brazile, Co-Chair Gordon Jamieson, Recycling Coordinator Charlotte Milan, Larry Slotnick, Residents: Yingzi Yang, Paul Goldberg, Rebecca Sacks, Pete Howard

MINUTES of 2/4/16 approved.

**COORDINATOR'S REPORT:** Charlotte, using a handout (Ref 1), reviewed the recent solid waste tonnage. The February Recycling Center numbers are up somewhat from January. The total predicted trash & recycling numbers are both up slightly from last year. The ACMI video taping is finished. Both 5<sup>th</sup> graders & ARC members participated. The video is being edited. The next Recycling Center is 3/12. Charlotte is expecting the usual volunteers. Juli will lead the April Recycling Center.

**PROJECT UPDATES**

**COMPOSTING PILOT:** Juli to check with Susan.

**BUSINESS RECYCLING:** The Chamber of Commerce will email the survey to CoC members this week. The resulting info, especially concerning the Town's orange bag program, should be useful to new businesses. Perhaps the Planning Department could provide.

**ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL:** Gordon will find out how this idea is working in other committees.

**PLASTIC BAGS:** Larry reported that, according to their web site, Stop & Shop employs a contractor who takes the bags to a firm that makes synthetic deck boards. He has not gotten through to Whole Foods. Charlotte, during her spot checks of curbside recycling bins, is keeping track of the number of residents who put plastic bags in the recycling container. She discusses or leaves a notice with violators of this ban. This may eventually be enforced by JRM.

**RECYCLE RIGHT:** Juli led a discussion of what the Advocate articles should look like. A consensus developed that the ARC provide a tip or a brief Q&A on the same subject as the Coordinator's article and a logo. Maybe a photo too. We should make a yearlong schedule of the subject for each month or week. Juli would like to have a few week's worth of material before approaching the editor. The material should also go out on social media. Paul to provide a digital copy the Q&A material he contributed last month to Juli & Charlotte. Taken together, this enough to discuss with the editor.

The Town Public Information Officer and Charlotte use social media to spread recycling information. For now, we will use the Town Facebook to share information, rather than create a competing channel. Rebecca will assist with content creation.

**TOWN HALL LOBBY DISPLAY:** Juli said that ARC will have one display case 4/1 to 5/15 and both cases from 4/12 to 5/15. Using Ref 2 and a preliminary print of Ellen's 4 images, she led an animated discussion of how to mount the material. There is room for 2 images on their steel mounts in each display case. There is room for some educational material too. Juli proposed themes for each image & related graphic educational material. Attendees suggested that the educational material not be in the display cases where it would detract from images. Alternatively this material could be on the table located between the doors to the auditorium. Maybe an easel could be employed. Juli will draft captions with minimal text to post next to each image.

**NEW DIVERSION PROGRAMS:**

Barrel limit not discussed.

Bulky waste curbside collection: Not discussed.

Mattress Recycling: Not discussed

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** 3/16 True Story Theater Are you ready for climate change?

3/19 ECOFEST Ready For Climate Change?

**NEXT MEETING 4/7/16** - Meetings held 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday monthly at 7:30 PM in Town Hall Annex 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

Ref 1 Coordinator's Report

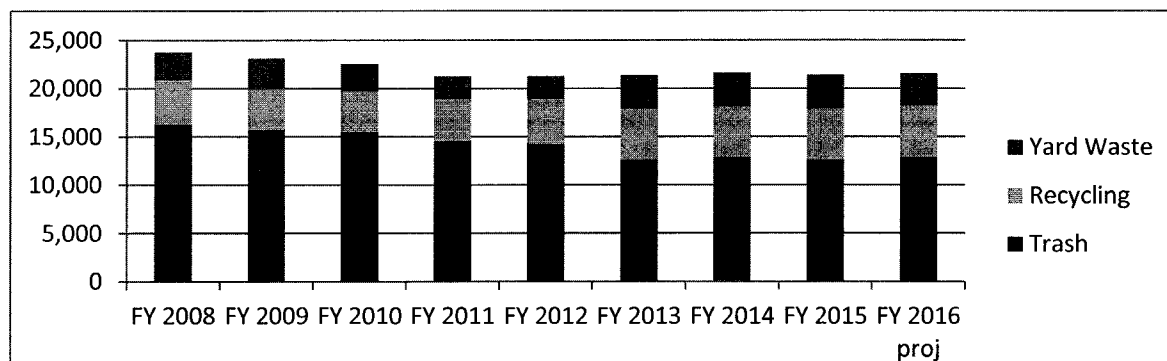
Ref 2 Town Hall Display Ideas

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Ref 1

**Arlington Municipal Solid Waste Tonnage by Waste Category**

	Trash	Recycling	Yard Waste
FY 2008	16,232	4,639	2,881
FY 2009	15,740	4,165	3,216
FY 2010	15,493	4,244	2,799
FY 2011	14,538	4,395	2,332
FY 2012	14,248	4,652	2,381
FY 2013	12,603	5,278	3,503
FY 2014	12,846	5,271	3,488
FY 2015	12,603	5,297	3,506
FY 2016 proj	12,851	5,322	3,365



**Recycling Center progress**

Month	HH/Cars	Foam	Rigid Plastic	E-Waste
June 2015	66	49	25	12
July	100	52	30	40
August	120	73	24	31
September	152	95	50	51
October	193	118	49	87
Nov CCD	515	30 cy	20 cy	NA
December	124	75	32	49
January 2016	138	84	24	42
February	135	93	33	40

**ARC Expense Report**

Date	Purchase	Expense	Balance
7/1/2015	Start		3000
11/14/2015	Foam	250	2,750
11/14/2015	Rigid bulk	200	2,550
5/14/2016	Foam	250 proj	
5/14/2016	Rigid bulk	200 proj	
ongoing	Compost bin share	1000	

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Municipal Solid Waste Monthly Totals			
Month	SW Tons	Rec Tons	YW Tons
February 2015	873	295	0
March	977	409	0
April	1,086	459	473
May	1,088	414	346
June	1,119	484	211
July	1,127	446	261
August	1,047	417	197
September	1,215	427	248
October	1,137	454	295
November	1,151	466	1,097
December	1,129	576	152
January 2016	1,051	473	84

**MA Solid Waste Master Plan targets: Arlington's progress**

For Arlington to reach our share of the state's 2020 trash reduction goal we need to reduce trash by another 1,241 tons.

**Program Updates**

Recycling Center upcoming events: Sat. Feb 6 (Yingzi and Juli signed up) ; March 12 (Susi Barbosa and Paul); April 9 (Paul). Winter collection attendance holding strong.

Curbside Program: DEP Technical Assistance grant update: Bulky items and trash limits under review. 10% reduction in trash tonnage and earning MA DEP Recycling Dividend funds are the desired outcomes. Curbside program analysis shows 68% of households place 32 gallons or less of trash on the curb, on average.

Messaging (outreach and education): Current projects include Recycle Right instructional video production (completion expected mid-March), Social Media scheduled with Town's Information Officer (Town Notices, Twitter, FaceBook), weekly (almost) Advocate articles cross posted at [arlingtonma.gov/recycle](http://arlingtonma.gov/recycle), School Green Team and compost program support.

Compost programs: Rot and Roll scheduled for May 5; residential drop off opportunities under consideration. School opportunities expanding, stay

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Theme: Recycling Center

**"Rocking Horse"**



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**"Single Stream Rainbow"**



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Theme: Contamination

**"Despicable Trash"**



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